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1. IN COURSE LONG CONVERSATION WITH LARDINOIS MARCH 9
I TOLD HIM I HAD HEARD RUMORS THAT COMMUNITY SUGGESTED
EC-EFTA NEGOTIATIONS ON AGRICULTURE APART FROM TOKYO-ROUND
FRAMEWORK. HE LOOKED GENUINELY PUZZLED AND SAID HE KNEW
NOTHING ABOUT THAT. IT WAS MY TURN TO LOOK PUZZLED SINCE
DCM HAD HEARD FROM AUSTRIANS AND SWISS THAT SOMETHING WAS
AFOOT SO I ADDED THAT I THOUGHT RUMORS HAD SOME FOUNDATION.
LARDINOIS SHOOK HIS HEAD AND THEN REMARKED THAT SEVERAL
WEEKS AGO HE HAD TOLD HIS PEOPLE TO EXPLORE WITH EFTA COUNTRIES
POSSIBILITIES OF THEIR HELPING COMMUNITY ON DAIRY. HE ADDED THAT
CONTRARY TO US ROUGH TACTICS ON CHEESE HE WANTED TO TALK
SENSIBLY WITH THOSE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES SENDING SUBSIDIZED
DAIRY PRODUCTS TO COMMUNITY MARKET. HE DID NOT THINK THERE
WAS ANYTHING MORE TO IT THAN THAT, BUT HE HAD BEEN
BUSY WITH HIS AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS AND HE WOULD
FIND OUT WHAT HAD HAPPENED AND LET ME KNOW. HINTON

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